

Reflection Questions: Luke 24:13-35

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These discussion questions are designed primarily to help you apply the message from the Scriptures by helping you think through application to your personal life, your church life, and your city's life. You can use these by yourself for reflection, or with your family or small group for discussion. To review the sermon, go to NewCityChurch.ca/sermons

INTRODUCTION

Pray. Take a moment to pray asking God to guide you in reflecting upon the Scripture text.

Read the Scripture text: Luke 24:13-25

A summary of the sermon: Luke records for us an eyewitness encounter of the resurrection of Jesus: Jesus meets two of his larger group of disciples as they journeyed Easter Sunday to a nearby village called Emmaus. Though they were kept from recognizing him, they told Jesus about the things that had happened to Jesus over the last few days. The news was not good news, however, without the resurrection of Jesus. So Jesus told them about how the Old Testament Scriptures spoke of the necessity of Christ suffering and then passing into glory. When they arrived at Emmaus, Jesus stayed with them, and when he shared a meal with them, their eyes were opened and they recognized the resurrected Jesus. Then they hurried back to Jerusalem to find the other disciples and tell them that Jesus is indeed risen.

Key Quotes:

- Phillip Ryken, "[The traveling disciples] had basically all the facts they needed about the cross and empty tomb, including the witness of the apostles, but in their confusion it did not yet add up to a gospel. It was like hearing the punch line without getting the joke... So the Gospel according to Cleopas was not really a gospel after all. The word 'gospel' means 'good news,' but there is no good news unless Jesus has risen from the dead."
- Spurgeon, "From every town, village, and little hamlet in England, wherever it may be, there is a road to London... and so from every text in Scripture there is a road to the metropolis of the Scriptures, that is Christ. Your business is, when you get to a text, to say, 'Now, what is the road to Christ?' and then preach a sermon, running along the road towards the great metropolis—Christ."
- Juraslov Pelikan, "If Christ is risen, nothing else matters. And if Christ is not—nothing else matters."
- CS Lewis, "You are no longer faced with an argument which demands your assent, but with a Person who demands your confidence."
- John Calvin, "This is what we should seek...through the whole of Scripture: to know Jesus Christ truly, and the infinite riches which are included in him and offered to us by God the Father."

Bottom Line:

- The Gospel is the Good News about the Crucifixion AND Resurrection of Jesus.

QUESTIONS

1. How does this text apply to your life?

- What grabs your attention in this text? How are you challenged, convicted, encouraged, or surprised by this text?
- How does this text help me to understand the good news of Jesus?
- If all of Scripture is about Jesus, does that change your view of the Scripture? What are some ways you may have viewed Scripture as disconnected from the story of Jesus?

- How is your appetite for the Word lately?

2. How does this text apply to us as a church community?

- How does this passage serve to keep us “on point” with as a community of faith?
- If the heart of the Good News is about the Crucifixion AND Resurrection of Jesus, what are some ways we can get off message? In other words, how does this text form our missional identity to live out and proclaim the gospel of Jesus?
- What is the cost if we lose the message of Scripture as being ultimately about the story of Jesus?

3. How does this text apply to our city?

- What questions do you think people in our city would ask of this text?
- How does this passage help people in our city understand that Christianity is not about just trying harder, but a response to the Good News about the Crucifixion AND Resurrection of Jesus.
- How does this passage serve as an invitation to the world to join God’s mission?
- What kind of me does God want for his mission?

CONCLUSION QUESTION

What is the one thing you want to take away from this study to remember or to make a change in your life?

PRAYER

What are some ways you can turn what you are learning into prayer? List them as bullet points....

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